

# THE REHEARSAL.

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SATURDAY, November 9. 1706.

(1.) *Rehearsal*. **W**Hile I was telling the Story of *Oakhampton*, and Discovering the Monstrous *Whigg-Conspiracy* there against the Church and the Clergy; my Opponents took the Advantage (as when a Man's Back is turn'd) and Planted all their Batteries Jointly against what I had said about *Coercion*: For thereon all their whole Cause Depends; And they are lost for ever, they have not a Word to say, they must own themselves intirely Conquer'd, to all Intents and Purposes, if they cannot Maintain their Principle of *Coercion*.

(2.) And tho' I think all they have said, since my absence at *Oakhampton*, is sufficiently Obviated in what I have said before; yet I will apply it, and make it so Plain, that he that Runs may Read it, and the Meanest Understanding in England shall see the *Whiggs* and their Principles all Confounded, Confuted, and Utterly Routed, and nothing left them but that Shame and Abhorrence Justly due to the Fautors of Rebellion.

I speak now to the Common People, to the Meanest of them; Therefore let Others Bear with me, who think this Cause Sufficiently Prov'd already. For if the Common People can be Convinced herein, it will be the Happiest Day that England has seen of many Years; And the Consequence will Extend to future Generations, for they will Teach their Children the same.

Country-man. Therefore let me put the Objections to you, and Propose their Arguments, and I will Enforce them all that I can; Then do you Answer them; And if you can do it so Fully and Plainly as you have Propos'd to your self, the Service will be as Considerable to the Nation,

and to our Posterity, as you have made it.

*Rehears*. Come on then, Country-man, and put their Objections as strong as you Can. For Truth, the more it is *Carvass'd*, grows the Clearer: As good Silver appears more Bright the more it is Rubb'd.

(3.) Country-man. The *Observer* of the 26 last Month, Vol. 5. N. 64. Owns that the King without *Coercion* was our Constitution. He says, It was so indeed, in the Reigns of Passive Obedience and Non-Resistance, when the King might Coerce, and the People were taught not to defend; but the Case is Alter'd—

*Rehears*. How! Are the Laws Alter'd? Are any of those Statutes Repeal'd which I Quoted in my Num. 72. §. 5. That Particularly of 12. Car. 2. c. 30. which Declares, That neither or Both Houses of Lords or Commons, nor the People of England, either Collectively or Representatively, ever had, have, hath, or ought to have any COERCIVE Power over the Persons of the Kings of this Realm.

(4.) Here the Cause is Determin'd in Terms. And not only for the Present, but for all Times Past and to Come, That the People of England never had any such Power, nor Ought to have it. And will we not Allow a Parliament, which is the Representative Body of the Nation, will we not Allow the Legislature to be as good Judges of our Constitution, as Mr. Tutchin, or any who has Help'd him to Justify *Coercion*? Is not this Act of Parliament still in Force, and our Law at this Day? And is it not Correspondent to the former Laws and Acts of Parliament which are set down in the *Rehearsal* above Quoted? With what Face then can these Men Plead the Laws and our Constitution,

tution, while they do not so much as Pretend to Answer these Laws I have Quoted? And which till Answer'd, are a full Proof against them, and Leave not one Spark of Life in their Cause!

(5.) Come hither now All of you, the Meanest of the People of England; Can you not see with your Eyes the Pretences of the Whiggs for Coercion, and all their Pretences to Power in the People, all their Appeals to our Laws and Constitution, here Utterly Confounded and Turn'd against them! Bid those that Delude you, Answer these Acts of Parliament, or for Ever hereafter Hold their Peace! See whither they are Drawing you to Fight against the Laws, to Dissolve our Constitution, and to Sheath your Swords in Each others Bowells, in Defence of a Constitution of their own Imagination, of Placing all Power in the People; which has no Foundation, and which is utterly Inconsistent with any Government or Settlement to the End of the World!

(6.) Country-m. But the *Observer*, the *Rehearsal* Rehears'd, and others of their Champions, Quote King John, Edward 2. and others of our Kings, who have been Depos'd and put to Death by their Subjects, on Pretence of Mal-Administration; And thence Infer the Power of the People, and the no Divine Right of Kings. And this is the strongest Argument that they have. And to me it seems to have a Great deal in it. For the Actions of People shew their Mind more than Written Laws. And how can Kings be thus Coerc'd by their Subjects, if they have a Divine Right to their Crowns, and are Un-Coercible? And it has been the like in other Nations as in ours. It has been the Practice in all the Earth, and therefore seems to be a Law of Nature; whatever Municipal Laws say to the Contrary. For how shou'd all Men Agree in a thing, if it were not a Law of Nature?

(7.) *Rehears.* Let me ask you a Question, Country-Man. Is not Marriage of Divine Institution?

Country-m. Yes surely. As it is said in our Office of Matrimony, That it was Instituted of God in the time of Man's Innocency. And I suppose no body will Deny that Marriage was Instituted of God. But what is this to the Purpose?

*Rehears.* Only to Consider what Breaches have been made upon this Divine Institution, since it was first Made. First by Polygamy, Established by the Laws of many Countries, and to this Day in Practice with them. But then Secondly, what Breaches have been made upon it, by Adultries, Fornications, and Many Uncleanesses? And suppose a History were written of all these from the Beginning: What a Library wou'd it make! How far beyond all the Usurpations upon Kings, and the Rebellions against them that have been in the World. And if all this Dissolves not the Divine Right of Marriage, how do's it overthrow the Divine Right of Kings?

And may not the Law of Nature be urg'd more Strongly in the one Case than in the other?

(8.) You may go through all the Ten Commandments at this Rate, and find more Breaches against every one of them, than against the Fifth, which Enjoins Obedience to Government. And Consequently the whole Decalogue, and indeed all the Commands of God, must fall the Ground, if there be any thing in this Arguments of the Whiggs.

(9.) Country-m. You have fully Convinc'd me, Master, my Eyes are Open, and so I hope will be those of all my Country-Men. The Whiggs Plead their own Wickedness, as a Justification of their Principle. And they have not a word to say in their own Defence, that will not Justifie all the Wickedness in the World. They wou'd overthrow all the Precepts of God, by their own Transgressions against them.

(10.) Which being made so Plain, I hope the Time is come when this Deluded Nation will be Recover'd from their Witch-Craft, and no more Embrue their Hands in one anothers Blood, or in the Royal Blood, of their Sovereigns; which the Whigg-Principles Defend, and Prompt them to; and under the false Notion of Liberty wou'd make them (as they have done before) Destroy all the Security of their Liberty and Property, which is the Just Privilege of the Crown, free from Coercion; and the Good Laws, which Secure it, and Secure us from the Rapines and Violence of one another. Therefore will these Men say with us,  
Let the Law be our Rule.

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